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PRICE \$25 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 13, ZAFIRO, British steamer, 675, McCallum, Manila 11th December, General. —RUSSELL & Co.
December 14, CHINA, German str., 648, Moller, Dublin 4th December, Belfast.—MELCHERS & Co.
December 14, MELITA, German steamer, 339, H. Morck, Haiphong 11th December, Rice.—WEILER & Co.
December 14, TANCHOW, British str., 862, John A. Morris, Bangkok 6th December, Rice and General—YUEN FAT HONG.
December 14, AJAX, British steamer, 1,563, H. Riley, Shanghai 8th December, Foochow, Amoy, and Swatow 13th, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
December 14, ACTIV, Danish steamer, 335, Reves, Pakhol 10th December, and Hoitow 13th, General.—ANNANDALE, KALBREK & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBORMASTER'S OFFICE.
14th DECEMBER.
Victoria, British str., for Nagasaki.
China, German str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

December 14, PICCOLA, German steamer, for Amy.
December 14, HAIPHONG, British str., for Koh.
December 14, MIKI MARU, Japanese str., for Kuching.
December 14, MEEFOO, Chinese str., for Whampoa.
December 14, MERIONETHSHIRE, British str., for Koh.
December 14, FOEROSA, British str., for Swatow.
December 14, NANSHAN, British str., for Swatow.
December 14, YUN FAT HONG, 1st str., for Haiphong.
December 14, VICTORIA, German str., for Tonkin.
November 14, SAFFRON, British steamer, for Shanghai.
December 14, J. G. JOHNSON, Amer. bark, for New York.
December 14, PHRA CHOM KHAO, British str., for Bangkok.
December 14, NINGPO, Ger. str., for Shanghai.
December 14, WHAMPOA, British str., for Australia.
December 14, M. G. POWELL, Amer. bark, for New York.
December 14, PHEASANT, British str., for Bangkok.
December 14, SAPHIR, British str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Zafiro, str., from Manila.—Messrs. Haas, Noble Woog and Smock, and 100 Chinese.
Per China, str., from Dahl—134 Chinese.
Per Ajax, str., from Shanghai, etc.—Bishop Fowler and Mr. Fowler and son, Mr. and Mrs. Nease, Mr. and Mrs. Woolford and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Taylor, Mr. Bigby, and 60 Chinese.
Per Activa, str., from Pakhol, 20.—1 European and 63 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Zafiro, from Manila 11th December, reports had fine, pleasant weather with moderate wind and sea throughout.

The British steamer Victoria, from Bangkok 6th December, reports had fine weather and steady winds throughout the passage, with long head swell; up to 15 ft. to the land thick weather and heavy rains.

The German steamer China, from Dahl 4th December, reports had moderate monsoon and fine weather throughout. On the 6th Dec. at 5 p.m., spoke an American cutter showing KDSE at Aor Island, steering South.

AMOY SHIPPING.

December ARRIVALS.
2, Fidelio, German str., from Swatow.
3, Perle, British str., from Newchwang.
3, Perle, British str., from Foochow.
3, Hellen, British str., from Foochow.
3, Chi-yuan, Chinese str., from Swatow.
3, Great, British str., from Shanghai.
3, Kaifeng, British str., from Swatow.
3, Formosa, British str., from Tamsui.
4, Namco, British str., from Hongkong.
4, Heffo, British str., from Shanghai.
4, Elizabeth, German bark, from Newchwang.
4, Alice, German bark, from Newchwang.
4, Chrysanthemum, British str., from Foochow.
4, Ulysses, British str., from Hongkong.
5, Thalia, British str., from Hongkong.
6, Stocho, British str., from Swatow.
6, Foochang, British str., from Shanghai.
7, Diamond, British str., from Hongkong.
7, Formosa, British str., from Tamsui.
7, Lydia, German bark, from Foochow.
8, Eurus, British str., from Foochow.
8, Andromeda, British str., from Hongkong.
9, Wenchow, British str., from Shanghai.
2, City of Peking, Amer. str., from Peking.
December DEPARTURES.
2, Tamsui, British str., for Swatow.
2, Fidelio, German str., for Dahl.
3, Orestes, British str., for Hongkong.
3, Kaifeng, British str., for Shanghai.
3, Zafiro, British str., for Manila.
3, Britain, British str., for Foochow.
3, Formosa, British str., for Tamsui.
3, Chi-yuan, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
4, Alice, German str., for Kuling.
4, Namco, British str., for Foochow.
4, Almon, British str., for Swatow.
5, Cleopatra, British str., for Kuling.
5, Cleopatra, British str., for Foochow.
5, G. H. Wainwright, British str., for Foochow.
5, Ulysses, British str., for Shanghai.
6, Formosa, British str., for Foochow.
7, Stocho, British str., for Swatow.
7, Diamond, British str., for Tamsui.
7, Christian, British str., for Kuling.
7, Anna Wicksford, Ger. str., for Macassar.
7, Chefoo, British str., for Swatow.
7, Diamond, British str., for Manila.
7, Foochang, British str., for Swatow.
7, Formosa, British str., for Swatow.
8, Theodore, German bark, for Nagasaki.
8, Andromeda, British str., for Shanghai.
8, Namco, British str., for Swatow.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

December ARRIVALS.
4, Kiang-tee, Chinese str., from Ningpo.
4, Kwang-tee, Chinese str., from Hongkong.
4, Hae-chang, Chinese str., from Foochow.
4, Tokio-tee, Jay str., from Yokohama.
4, Ichibun, British str., from Swatow.
4, Feima, British str., from Kuching.
4, Hainan, British str., from Hankow.
4, White Star, British str., from Hankow.
4, Seal, British str., for Tientsin.
4, Store Nordisk, Dan str., from Nagasaki.
4, Kiang-tee, Chinese str., from Hankow.
4, Pembroke, Brit. str., from Nagasaki.
5, Tung-how, British str., from Ningpo.
5, Wenchow, British str., from Swatow.
5, Amy, British str., from Hongkong.
5, Ping Ching, Chinese cruiser, from a cruise.
December DEPARTURES.
4, Kiang-tee, Chinese str., for Hongkong.
4, Ichibun, British str., for Tientsin.
4, Foochang, British str., for Amy.
4, Ping-how, Chinese str., for Tientsin.
4, El Dorado, British str., for Tientsin.
4, King-tee, Chinese str., for Ningpo.
5, Glenartney, British str., from Kobe.
5, Ngankun, British str., for Hankow.
5, Tung-how, British str., for Ningpo.

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Hongkong, 18th February, 1888. [170]

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TELEGRAM NO. 12.

BUTCH.
On the 14th inst., at Harford, Magazine Gap, the wife of C. Evans, of a son.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 15TH, 1888.

The cause of Imperial federation has not made such progress in popular favour as its advocates would no doubt like to see. The picture of a federated empire sketched by Lord ROBERT, Lord BRASSEY, and the other Federationists is attractive, but no practical scheme to reproduce it in reality has yet been advanced. As the *Times* pointed out in a recent article on the subject, the Imperial Federation League has done and is doing excellent service to the State, not only by impressing upon the public mind, too often indisposed to take large views, the supreme importance of preserving from disintegration the Empire, the splendid fabric built up by the genius and the sanctity of the greatest of Englishmen, Scottsmen, and Irishmen, but still more, perhaps, by keeping the subject clear, which is seldom possible in these days, from the contamination of party strife. The Federationists include amongst their number men of all political parties, but it is significant that the leaders on both sides either hold aloof or openly express their disbelief in the movement. Mr. GLADSTONE has shown no sympathy with the views so ardently espoused by his kinsman, Lord ROSSLYN, while Lord SALISBURY is stated in a recent Australian telegram to have ridiculed the idea. In another telegram a distinguished ex-member of our national affairs, Mr. J. E. BURSELL LOWELL, the late American Minister to London, is stated to have expressed the opinion that "Imperial federation was a dream, but that nevertheless the cohesion of the English speaking races would decide the destinies of the world." While we would welcome any workable scheme of federation, we must confess that at present the movement appears somewhat purposeless. There is indeed much to be said in favour of the view that unity of the different parts of the Empire is more likely to be preserved by the present elastic system than it would be by more rigid bonds—bonds which would be more liable to snap under strain. The co-operation policy now adopted in the Australian colonies in regard to defensive measures promises to work well and to serve the purposes of the time. But the advocates of Imperial federation urge, not only that the colonies should participate in their own defence, but that they should be represented in the Imperial Parliament and identify themselves with Imperial policy. For this, we believe, the colonies have no inclination. The turmoil of European politics interests them only as on-lookers, and they have no desire to be active participants in it. Such an arrangement would, moreover, be attended by some danger. In the *Times* article above referred to great stress is justly laid on the necessity for prompt action in foreign affairs which frequently arises; if this action were to be made dependent, even in a remote degree, on public opinion at the other side of the globe, anything in the nature of promptitude would become impossible, while it is not easy to see how the value of that public opinion on which the existence of ministries depends would be in any way increased by extending its area to include distant dependencies. Imperial unity, we think, will be best fostered by leaving each section of the Empire to manage as far as possible its own affairs, and to confine itself to those affairs, not giving Australia a voice in the disputes which may arise between Canada and the United States, nor Canada a voice in any differences Australia may have with her neighbours. Should we take place, each part of the Empire would be found willing, according to its means, to contribute its share towards the national defence; if the Imperial Federationists can show how either the willingness or ability to do so could be increased by any feasible scheme, well and good, but so far they have confined themselves more to patriotic platitudes than to practical suggestions.

The exhibition of the Camera and Sketching Club which was to have been held next week has been postponed.

The N. C. *Daily News* hears that Mr. White, the Commissioner of Customs at Canton, has been granted leave.

On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch carrying the British flag will call alongside any vessel having code pendant C, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's Seaman's Church, returning about 12.30.

The *Press* says—The management of railways in North America, which was vested in a private company, is about to revert to the Government; the Company have notified the Governor-Lieut. Gov. that their pecuniary position does not warrant their continuing the management.

By kind permission of Colonel D. G. Anderson, the Regimental Band will play in the Public Gardens to-morrow, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. The following is the programme—

1. "The Royal Guards," Campbell.
2. "Reservists," Scherbert.
3. "Golden Legend," Sullivan.
4. "Toreador," Royle.
5. "Islandia," Sullivan.
6. "España," Waldegrave.

An accident which resulted fatally occurred yesterday morning in the Cause Road. A number of men were engaged in pulling down the verandah of a house, when suddenly the verandah fell, burying one man and injurying three others. Assistance was at once procured, and the man was extricated, but was found to be quite dead. Of the three men who were hurt one of the number was found to be so seriously injured as to necessitate his removal to the Hospital; the other two escaped with a few cuts and bruises.

On Thursday two men were taken to the Civil Hospital who had endeavoured to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour. One of them said he had been chased down from the Peak by a tiger and jumped into the water to escape. Examination showed that he was suffering from delirium tremens, and it was evident that he had been drinking heavily of sambo lately, also that he knew the tiger he saw was a delusion. The next day the attendants came to Dr. Atkinson in a state of excitement to tell him the man was trying to escape. The Doctor found him in a state of nudity bent on getting out of the hospital, but after some little trouble he was persuaded that it was better for him to remain. The other man, a Chinaman, said he had come from Swatow, that he had no money, was sick, and he intended to drown himself to end his trouble.

The annual installation meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618, S.C., was held on Thursday night, when Wor. Bro. J. Mitchell was installed as Right Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Very Worshipful Bro. S. J. Gowen, D. D., installed by the District Grand Lodge Officers. The following officers were afterwards installed—S.W.—Wor. Bro. J. Stephen; A. E. Madar; Secretary; Bro. F. Howell; S.D.—Bro. J. W. Kinghorn; J.D.—Bro. W. Quincey; D.C.—Bro. L. Lesbury; Steward; Bro. H. A. Shiras; I.G.—Bro. J. Venton; Tyler, Bro. J. Maxwell. After the Lodge was installed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast and the usual newly installed Masonic toasts were drunk, and several songs were passed in conviviality.

The *Shih-pao*, translated by the *Chinese Times*, gives the following account of the return home of the Ho, Disciple of Confucius—The Most Holy Duke K'ung Yen-ting, together with his mother and wife, left Peking on 15th November. They travelled in green sedan chairs ornamented with gold knobs, and leaving the city with a guard of 1000 men, they stopped for the first night at Huang-Tun. The Governor of Shantung had previously ordered the Magistrates of Ts-hsing and Wan-ping Hien to send officials and officers to make ready the resting places, and also to act as escort as far as Ch'u-tien, Shantung, the home of the Duke. On the 17th instant the Prince Tun, Li, and Chen, Pan Po-yin, President of the Board of Revenue, and Ching-chang, President of the Board of Revenue, and Director of the Board of Officials paid their respects. The wife of Sun-lai-han, Vice-President of the Board of Works, accompanied the party as far as Huang-Tun. (This lady is the mother-in-law of the Duke).

The death is announced of Mr. R. G. Townley, Second Secretary of the H.B.M. Legation at Peking, which occurred on Saturday evening last. The N. C. *Daily News* says—The deceased gentleman, who had been in extremely delicate health for a year past, made a voyage to Vancouver during the last summer, hoping that the sea air might have a beneficial effect on his weakened condition. There he was met by his two sisters, who accompanied him back to Peking. He unfortunately became weaker day by day, and at the last died quite suddenly after a fit of coughing, during which a blood vessel burst.

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Good ponies are scarce even in the north, and this is the greatest drawback the Club has to contend against. Still it proves.

POLO.

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On Wednesday last a pick up game was played.

The sides were Major Churchill, Mr. Grey, and Lieuts. Crook and Pedler against Captain Dee Vaux, Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Whitehead. In the first round each side scored one goal and the contest was a close one. Major Churchill's team in the second round were fortunate enough to score a goal just as darkness set in. It is desirable that play in these short days should begin not later than 4 o'clock.

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THE ASSAULT CASE AT BANGKOK.

The *Siam Mercantile Gazette* of the instant says: "The prisoners of the Bangkok Brick and Tile Company appear to have been well treated. On Tuesday afternoon Mr. J. Claus, the senior partner of the concern accompanied by Mr. E. B. Michel, the Legal Adviser of the Siamese Government, paid a visit to the lodgings of Mr. C. Rovsing, during his absence at the Klong Muang Works. When Mr. Rovsing returned to his home, he was attacked and received a deep cut on the head and other rough handling from above named officers. A paper then goes on to express its disapproval of the mancuring the position of Mr. Michel being allowed to engage in private practice."

The charge of assault against Mr. Michel was tried in the Consular Court, before Mr. French, Acting Counsel, with Messrs. Ramsey and Danlop as assessors. After hearing the evidence, the Court gave the following decision:—The place in which the occurrence we are now investigating took place is the field, the title-deed of which stand in Mr. Claus's name. Mr. Claus is by a certain agreement declared that this land was the property of himself and Captain de Michelieu and should be the joint property of himself, Capt. de Michelieu, and Mr. Westenholz. This took place nearly three years ago and no steps have since been taken to transfer the land to the three parties in the original title-deed. The land and fixtures thereon—still the property of Mr. Claus, his husband having consented to the right to its administration in his wife's lifetime. Mr. Claus objected to Mr. Rovsing's occupation of the house, and in his absence occupied it with his wife, the other accused acting apparently as his legal adviser and going with him. Then Mr. Rovsing having heard of this comes back, and comes up to the house where his way barred by Mr. Michel. A struggle takes place; then falls from the veranda, and receives certain wounds. Then Mr. Rovsing accuses Mr. Michel of having used a knife upon him in the affair, and Mr. Claus of having assaulted him. Now it is a well-known principle that force may be employed to resist a trespass, but at the same time such force must not be excessive, and the use of knife to restrain a man armed with a cane is clearly excessive, and therefore necessary that the charge should be heard and tried. This has now been done. The prosecutor has not placed before us such evidence as would satisfy us that there was no trespass on his part. The question therefore remains of the alleged use of the knife. On this point the prosecutor's own evidence is that he stated that when he came up the stairs he found the door had opened. When, however, he came up to the room he was surprised to find Mr. Michel. He then looked down and saw Mr. Michel with his hand on a knife. He saw no blow. Then both men fell down from the steps to the ground, prosecutor underneath. Now, prosecutor's injuries appear to us, from the position of the wound quite at the back of the head, to be precisely such as would be inflicted by a fall. Prosecutor was under the impression his hand and the wound on the head seems to us to be the result of the results of a fall from the top of the stairs. If the wound had been given as prosecutor supposes, it seems Mr. Rovsing must have been stooping in order that the blow could have been given on the back of the head, and it does not appear from any of the evidence that this was so. Then we come to the evidence of prosecutor's witness Mr. Fung states that he was too far off to see any injury. When he got all over to see Mr. Claus with a knife, there was the evidence of Ms. Siaat, which on account of witness's peculiar relations to prosecutor, is to be taken with due allowance. This witness states she saw Mr. Michel take the knife from Mr. Claus and strike Mr. Rovsing with it. Witness also states that Mr. Rovsing's head, as well as his body, struck the ground in the fall following. Defendant's evidence is as follows: he states the uppermost floor and was walking down stairs, not at all—each a woman as we think likely to have been given under the circumstances charged. The rest of the evidence of the prosecutor's witness is very contradictory. Ah In, accused's witness, gave clear evidence. His Honour read over several parts of the evidence taken on the preceding days and continuing, and we find that it is very much to be regretted that there has not been more to match the action that did. It is now apparent that such action would very probably lead to violence, and may resort therefore to such action we consider to be very regrettable and undesirable. We believe Mr. Rovsing acted in good faith in bringing this action, but we consider the case not proved, and must therefore dismiss it."

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Quotations are—
This year's New Malwa... \$660 per picul, a/c of 14 catties.
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Bank Bills, on demand... \$386
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Bank Bills, on demand... \$744

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Telegraphic Transfer... \$223

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Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—189 per cent. discount.

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China and Manil Steamship Company, Limited—\$162 per share.

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Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$25 per share.

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Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent.
premium, son.
Chinese Imperial Loan, 1886 B—\$12 per cent.
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COLONEL QUARITCH, V.C.
A TALE OF COUNTRY LIFE.

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CHAPTER XLIII.

GEORGE IS SERN TO LAUGH.

Ida and her father reached the vestibule to find Edward Cossey standing with his face to the wall, and nervously toyed with his fingers upon his chin. He was pale, dressed with great care, and his face, though pale and worn from the effects of agitation of mind, looked if anything handsomer than ever. As soon as he heard them coming, which, owing to his partial deafness, he did not feel till they were quite close to him he turned round with a start, and a sudden flush of colour came upon his pale face.

The Squire shook hands with him in a solemn sort of way. "It was you, I am sure, who caused this trouble," said Ida, "and I have been greatly vexed and annoyed by your conduct.

A few random remarks followed about the weather, which really for once in a way was equal to the conversational strain put upon it, but at length these died away and there came a awful pause. It was broken at length by the Squire, who, standing with his back to the fire, his eyes fixed upon the wall opposite, said:

"I understand, Mr. Cossey, that you have come to bear my daughter's final decision on the matter of the proposal of marriage which you have made and renewed to her. Now, of course, this is a very important question, very important indeed, and it is one with which I cannot presume even so much as to interfere. Therefore, I shall without comment leave my daughter to speak for herself."

"Well, if that be a master one," he interrupted, drawing indeed but a poor analogy of success from Idas' icy looks. "I have come to renew my offer and to take my final answer, and I beg Miss de la Mole to consider how deep and sincere must be that affection which has endured through so many rebuffs. I know, or at the least I fear, that I do not occupy the place in her heart which she does now," he inter-

"Oh, why not?" said Ida, in bitter sarcasm. "Mr. Cossey knows it is one of the best arguments with us—*I presume* that as a preliminary to the renewal of the engagement, the personated of my father, which is being carried on by his lawyer, will cease?"

"And if the engagement is not renewed the money will of course be called in."

"My lawyers advise that it should be," he answered, sullenly; "but here goes, Ida, you may make your own terms about money. Marriage, after all, is practically a matter of bargaining, and I am not going to stand out about the price."

"There, I should not say too much about that," broke in the Squire, impatiently.

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"You are really most generous," went on Ids, in a more bitter tone, the boy of which he had been so fond of, and her voice sounded better than did her lover. "I only regret that I cannot appreciate the generosity more than I do. But it is at least in my power to give you the return which you deserve. So I can no longer hesitate, but one and for all—"

And she stopped dead, and stood at the glass door as though she saw a ghost. Both her father and Edward Cossey followed the motion of her eyes, and saw Colonel Quaritch and George. Both were pale and wavy-looking, but the former was at least decent. As for George, this could not be said.

"But we must come to square before you marry," said George, with determination, as he opened the door. "We've got that to say as won't keep."

"I tell you that it must keep, sir," said the old gentleman, working himself into a rage.

"You can't say now," said the Squire; "we'll see what you say."

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"The best way that you can apologize is by withdrawing," answered the Squire with meekness, "and then I'll be more happy to hear what you have to say."

"Oh, Squire, Squire, don't be such a fool, begging your pardon for the word," said George in exasperation. "Don't go a knocking of your head again a brick-wall."

"Will you be off, sir?" roared his master in a voice that made the walls shake.

By this time Ids had recovered herself. She seemed to feel that her lover had something to say in her defence, her deeply—probably she read it in his eyes.

"Father," she said, raising her voice, "I won't have Colonel Quaritch turned away from the door like that. If you will not admit him I will go outside and hear what it is he has to say."

In his heart the Squire held Ids in some awe.

He locked her door, and saw that her eyes were flushed and her breast heaving, and he gave way.

"Oh, very well, since my daughter insists on it," he said, bowing. "If such an impudent fellow fails to win your consent, Colonel Quaritch in forcing your presence upon me when I tell you that it is not wanted."

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"What is the amount?" she asked in a low, sager voice.

"I have been unable to calculate exactly, but, speaking roughly, it cannot be much under fifty thousand pounds, estimated on the value of the gold and silver. There is a good deal of it, and Harold pulled out a handful of coins and other coins, and poured them on to the table.

Ida hid her face in her hand, and Edward Cossey, realising that this most unexpected development of events might mean for him, began to tremble.

"I should not allow myself to be too much elated, Mr. de la Mole," he said with a sneer, "for even if this tale be true, it is treasure trove, and belongs to the Crown."

"I accept the Squire's 'no thanks' of course."

"But I have," said the Colonel quietly. "If I remember right, the last of the original de la Mole left a will in which he specially devised this treasure hidden by his father to your ancestor. That is this the identical treasure I am fortunate in a position to prove by this pedigree. I have the original will, which he had found with the gold upon the table."

"Quite right—quite right," said the Squire, "that will take it out of the account."

"Perhaps the Solicitor to the Treasury may hold a different opinion," said Cossey, with another sneer.

Just then Ids took her hand from her face. There was a drowsy look about her eyes, and the last ripple of a happy smile lingered round the corners of her mouth.

"What are you making that noise about?" asked her master sternly. "This is no laughing-matter."

"H'm," replied George, pointing to the roasting dog—*carcass*—he's going to pull down the castle and throw it into the moat and send the plough over it, is he? H'm—that's warn't!

Why, then old towers will be standing there when his beggar'd bones are dug up, and their bones and yours will be mixed, and there'll be one old black rascal in the tower. I'm not a bad man, and I have always known that he had found with the gold upon the table."

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